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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

RIECHERS et al.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in Germany under the International (Paris) Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Stockholm Act July 14, 1967) is hereby requested and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed.

Germany: 195 33 023.4, filed September 7, 1995 P 44 36 851.8, filed October 14, 1994

Certified copies of the priority documents were forwarded by Verified English translations are the International Bureau. attached hereto. Please note that the translation of 195 33 023.4 is not signed by the translator, a properly executed translation will be forwarded as soon as it is received by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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